

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

June 11, 2019

Present: Jessica Balzarini, Melanie Dowell, Jim Glaeser, Mary Kohlhaas, Joni Metz, Tom Pomeroy, Cheryl Puffer, Dan Purkapile, and Jessica Zingsheim.

Absent: Max Robbins, Michelle Stori and Jodie Wolla

The meeting was opened with prayer and the mission statements of the parish and Faith Formation. Discussion and reporting were as follows:

A. Priority for the year - Hospitality

Jim shared his experience of Families Helping Families. He got to know a couple of parents and they felt welcome and not feeling like religion was shoved at them. It was a good culminating event for the year of Hospitality.

Tom shared about meeting some immigrants. He welcomed them. They felt welcome, and claimed this as their parish. Tom explained to them about Adoration, explained what to do there, led them into the experience. This led into a discussion at the commission how we need to explain more to parishioners how to go to Adoration. They said our "parish is alive" - they connected it to the experience of Adoration. Maybe there are other things we need to explain - maybe "church words", so maybe a tour of the building for new members - questions would come up then. What language do we use to be rally hospitable? Regular tour offered of the church?

B. Reporting

1. PLC update - led by Jessica Balzarini

Reviewed past events.

Getting more school families to events - All Saints Party and Easter Egg Hunt have improved in numbers. How do people without kids in that age group find out about events?

NET promises to bring some success. Dan offered to help however he can with our NET Team. He is an ex-NET-er and was on one of the first parish teams - Divine Mercy in Faribault. He is open to hosting team members.**

The plan for NET involvement - The team's focus will be on Senior High Ministry, building senior high disciples to work with middle school. Youth Minister needs to bring in adults, parents. Dan mentioned that transitions are tough. Maybe it is a good time for a new youth minister, so they can learn together with the NET team.

GOALS:

- How to outreach to non-active families
- How to measure fruitfulness of ministry - to evaluate better. Jim is checking out evaluation questions that would be helpful.

2. Who to invite on to this commission?
 - Pamela Mayieka
 - Jane or Zackarie Lumaya (school family)
 - ??
3. Listening sessions for Youth Ministry coming up. Planning for two. Interviews for position to follow.
4. Safe Environment Audit
 - Spring Report - Jessica for the parish, Ann for the school.
 - Not only staff and volunteers who need to be compliant. Now includes PLC and liaisons who must be compliant as well.
 - We are still catching up on backlog of longtime volunteers.
 - Who needs to have a driver's form on file? More peripheral, so still need to talk about it.
5. Steubenville is coming up in July and we do have a group of students who want to go after all.
6. Went over **Upcoming Events** (also from Agenda)

Jessica Zingsheim closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kohlhaas